

JOINT PCARSS WORKING GROUP -- PLANNING SESSION

Meeting Record: Joint PCARSS Working Group
Thursday, 15 April 1999, El Segundo, CA

Sponsors: Janice Hawk (DCMC, HQ), Patrick Sullivan (AIA)

Organizers: Marge Salazar (DCMC-W), Tom Emery (RSC),
Rich Culbertson (LMCO)

Facilitator: Barbara De Salvo

Host / Site: Bill Bales, Raytheon Systems Company, El Segundo, CA

Represented:

<i>DCMC</i>	Headquarters, Western District, DCMC Northrop-Grumman, DCMC Raytheon-Hughes, DCMC Clearwater
<i>Aerojet</i>	California
<i>Boeing</i>	Washington, Missouri
<i>Honeywell</i>	Florida
<i>Hughes Electronics</i>	California
<i>Lockheed-Martin</i>	New Jersey, Florida, Texas
<i>Northrop-Grumman</i>	New York, California, Texas
<i>Raytheon</i>	California, Arizona, Texas, Indiana, Massachusetts
<i>Rolls Royce Allison</i>	Indiana
<i>SAIC</i>	California
<i>TRW</i>	California

Background:

Through cross-talk between representatives of DCMC and Aerospace Industries Association (AIA), PCARSS was identified as an opportunity where industry and DCMC could join together to improve our mutual experience.

Why this Effort? *Janice Hawk*

PCARSS is part of the Government directive to achieve a paperless Contracting environment by the year 2000. It was certified as a system last November, and will be moving into Phase II development soon. Objectives (paraphrased) for this meeting are:

- a) to contribute inputs to Phase II development.
- b) Establish "best practices" for the current system based on mutual successes.
- c) Work jointly, champion "learning", and communicate "lessons learned."

Our Mission – defined.

Establish a Cross-Functional Network of Users to Develop, Communicate, and Support Learning So that PCARSS is Effective, Efficient, and Successful for Government and Contractor alike.

Goals and Objectives – defined.

- (A) Establish Network of Key Experts and Resources

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- (B) Address Road Block Issues that Impede Contractors' Use
- (C) Team in order to Create Solution Paths; Communicate a "Knowledge Base"

Process Identified for How the Team Will Achieve these Objectives.

1. Identify Roadblocks and the Issues to be Worked.
2. Establish Sub-Teams to Tackle the Issues.
3. Communicate; Post Results and Knowledge Learned to the Web.

I. Some Current, Known, Roadblocks – Listed.

Interactive Use:

- Random Freezes ("Look-up lock-ups")
- Slow Screen Loading
- Slow / Inconsistent Response
- Contractor Server/Firewall Issues
- Government Server Down
- Being "Kicked Off" the System
- JAVA Script errors

File-Transfer Use.

- Difficulty in Getting FFT to Work Correctly.
- Mapping: Translating Contractor Data into Specific PCARSS Fields.
- One Error Causes Rejection of All Items – Forces Redundant Data Input.

General:

- Availability and Access to Special/Required Codes
- NSN Look up Capabilities
- CAGE Codes
- Subcontractor Schedules
- Consistency of Training and Communications
- Availability of Contractor I.T. Resources

2. Solution Paths – Framework Established.

*Established several sub-teams/Leaders to Address Known Roadblocks.
Each Team to Determine if and What Metrics Apply to It's Efforts.*

Effort

Assigned Lead (West/East)

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| * Identify Experts/Resources | Marge Salazar / Katie Trayers |
| * Flat File Successes | Erin Day-VanDerWarker(SAIC) |
| * Web Page | Janice Hawk |
| * Bring Contractor Members
into Phase II Testing | Marge Salazar / tbd |

3. Communicate:

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Post Results and Knowledge Learned to the Web. (through Janice Hawk)

Identify and Implement Network of Experts / Resources and Share Successes.

Will Use the DCMC Homepage, Property Team's Site:

http://www.dcmc.hq.dla.mil/dcmc_o/cbo/property/index.htm

Ongoing Meetings

Post Schedule to Web; Make Available to Remote Participants;

Target 1 hour duration; Anyone invited to both East/West (RSVP suggested);

Sponsor (East/West) Provides Role Players for Joint Meetings.

- **West:** *Monthly, Mid Month (4/15/99)*
 - Host Site: Raytheon SES, El Segundo
 - Coordinator/Recorder: Tom Emery, RSC
 - Web Consolidation Point: Marge Salazar, DCMC
 - Facilitator: Barbara De Salvo, RSC

- **East:** *Monthly: Month End (Next is 4/29/99)*
 - Host Site: Lockheed-Martin, Moorestown, NJ
 - Coordinator/Recorder: Rich Culbertson, LMCO
 - Web Consolidation Point: tbd, DCMC
 - Facilitator: tbd

- **Joint:** *Once per Quarter, Rotating Between East/ West*

Next Meeting:

Team Leaders Report Back

Create Additional Teams, as Required

Share Information